

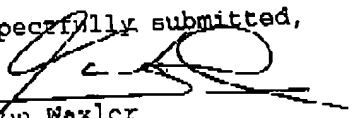
REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 19, 2005. Claims 1-6 and 8 remain pending in this application. Claims 1 and 8 are the independent claims. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that Claims 5-7 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. Applicant had added the limitation of Claim 7 into Claim 1 and the limitations of Claims 9-10 into Claim 8. Consequently, Applicant respectfully believes Claims 1 and 8 to be allowable at this time and the § 102(b) rejections of Claims 1-4 and 8 as well as the § 103(a) rejection of Claim 9 to be moot in light of the above amendments.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application. Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached by telephone at the number given below.

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